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1. LIBERAL MNA'S JOHN CIACCIA AND GEORGE SPRINGATE IN PRIVATE LUNCHEON CONVERSATION APRIL 4 EXPRESSED VIGOROUSLY TWO PRINCIPAL CONCERNS ABOUT GOQ WHITE PAPER ON LANGUAGE POLICY: (A) LEGISLATION, WHEN INTRODUCED, WILL NOT DIFFER; (B) IF SO, TRUDEAU WILL DISALLOW IT RATHER THAN LETTING IT GO TO THE COURT FOR DETERMINATION OF CONSTITUTIONALITY. RE FORMER, THEY FEEL THERE IS NO ELEMENT OF "TRIAL BALLOONING" IN THIS EXERCISE; THAT HAVING COMMITTED THE GOQ TO THESE PRINCIPLES IN PRINT (AS DISTINCT FROM BOURASSA PRACTICE OF LEAKING IDEAS NOT YET ON PAPER), AND GIVEN THE INTERNAL PARTY DISSENSION THEIR DEVELOPMENT ENTAILED, GOQ HAS NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO STICK WITH THEM IN THE LEGISLATION TO BE INTRODUCED LATER THIS MONTH. MOREOVER, THEY BELIEVE HARD LINE IS DELIBERATELY DESIGNED EFFECT CONFRONTATION WITH GOC ON EMOTIONAL ISSUE THAT WOULD
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TILT REFERENDUM IN THEIR FAVOR. LAST FACTOR HEIGHTENS THEIR CONCERN ABOUT TRUDEAU REACTION WHICH, THEY SAY, HE PRESAGED AT RECENT PRESS CONFERENCE ALTHOUGH WE HAVE SEEN NO SUCH STATEMENT IN MONTREAL PAPERS.

2. BY CONTRAST, GERALD GODIN, PQ MNA APPARENTLY VERY CLOSE TO LEVESQUE, WAS ON NEWSCAST SAME EVENING SAYING HE "BELIEVES SEVERAL

ELEMENTS IN WHITE PAPER ARE RED HERRINGS WHICH ARE TO SERVE ONLY AS BASIS FOR DIALOGUE WITH POPULACE BUT WILL NOT BE IN ACTUAL BILL." HE ADDED HE PERSONALLY WOULD VOTE AGAINST, FOR EXAMPLE, ANY PROVISION TO CHANGE PLACE NAMES. ON APRIL 5 HE QUOTED IN PRESS AS NOTING THAT "A WHITE PAPER IS DESIGNED TO BE CHANGED, IT'S NOT LAW."

3. COMMENT: GODIN'S STATEMENT COULD BE A REFLECTION OF THE ALLEGED PREFERENCE OF PREMIER LEVESQUE FOR A MORE MODERATE STANCE, AN ISSUE HE PRESUMABLY "LOST" IN CABINET. (LEVESQUE HAS REPORTEDLY BEEN A FREQUENT WEEK-END GUEST AT GODIN'S HOME IN THE EASTERN TOWNSHIPS AND MORE ACCESSIBLE TO THIS BACK-BENCHER THAN TO SOME OF THE CABINET MEMBERS.) IF SO, THIS MAY BE THE BEGINNING OF AN END-RUN AROUND THE RADICAL WING WITHIN THE PARTY.
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